his month's issue of Soldiers marks the third, consecutive holiday season the men and women of America's Army have served their country in the global war on terror. In "On Point," Photo Editor SFC Alberto Betancourt brings you photos of these Soldiers in action around the world. For a look at operations in Iraq. don't miss SGT Robert Woodward's "101st in Iraq: Chasing the Terrorists" and MSG Bob Haskell's "Guard Soldiers at War." Also, to show how the Army is helping to relieve the stress caused by deployment and combat, Heike Hasenauer brings you "Operation R&R."

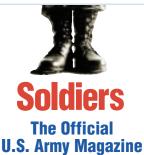
Finally, on a personal note, I'd like to thank SMA Jack Tilley for his more than 35 years of service to his nation as he ends his tenure as the 12th sergeant major of the Army. As the 1st Armored Division public affairs officer while Tilley was the command sergeant major, I got to witness him in action on a daily basis. Whether it was the mud of Grafenwöhr, the dust of Hohenfels or the mud of Bosnia, Jack Tilley was there taking care of Soldiers. We have been truly fortunate to have him as our senior enlisted Soldier. We are a better Army because of him.

All of us at **Soldiers** wish you the happiest of holidays.

ohn & Suttle John E. Suttle

1. Publication Title	2 Publisation Number 3 Pling Gale
Soldiers Magazine	0 0 9 0 . 8 4 4 0 30 Sep 2000
Issue Frequency Monthly	5 Number of Issues Published Annually 8. Annual Subscription Pr Domestic 546 12 Polinion 564-45
	Publisher (Mr. protes) (Sheet ally county solds and 20% (Contact Person
7. Congate Maling Assess of Known Otice of Soldiers Magazine 9025 Guneton Road, Suite 5-106	Giber R. Hgt
Fort Belvoir, YA 22050-5551	Teightre 703 806 4482
Office of the Chief of Public Affairs Room 1E484, Pertagon (1500 Arm) Washington, DC 20010-1500	
9: Pul Names and Complete Mailing Addresses I	of Publisher, Editor, and Managing Editor (So not leave blank)
Piblisher (Kame and complete making achieved BIG Robert II. Gaylord Room (E484, Pentagon (1500) Washington, DC 20310-1500	
Editor (Name and convinery martin) apprecial	
LTC John E. Suttle, Editor in Chief Soldiers Magazine	
9325 Gunston Rid., Suite 8-106; For	
Hunaging Color (Harve and complete mailing as	Ont
Gilbert R. High, Managing Editor Soldiers Missazine	
9325 Gunston Rd., Suite 5-100; For	1 Belvoir, VA 22060-1981
Army Chief of Public Affairs	Office of the Chief of Public Affairs. Room 15464 the Parragon (1500) Washington, DC 2019-1500.
TI. Known Bondholders, Stanlagsgees, and Differ Holding T Percent of More of State Amount of Direc Securities, if note, sheet ass Fall States.	Beauty inclairs Conting or Stock Memorphis. or Stock Concern Marin Address
Holding 1 Percent or More of Total Amount of Other Securities. If none, sheek box	Sonal Margages, or Margages, or
Holding 1 Percent or More of Total Amount of Other Securities. If none, sheek box	Sonal Margages, or Margages, or
Other Securities, if nome, sheek best	Sonal Margages, or Margages, or
Holding 1 Percent or More of Total Amount of Other Securities. If none, sheek box	Sonal Margages, or Margages, or
Heading I Person for More of Base Proportion Chine Sporting, Protes, short bas Fall More	Corona Meringue. V & 20 Since Complete Mering Address.
Hadde J Price or to do of Data Amount of Otto Sportion Street, the state of Data Sportion Street, when the Fall Marie Control Street, when the State Otto Sportion Street, when the State Otto Sportion Street Otto Sportion Sportio	2.0 cop Orace Management or 2.0 cop Orace Management Address Addr

13. Publisher Title Soldiers Magazine		M. take that for Circulation that Below October 2003	
16.	Extent and Nature of Circulation	Average No. Copies Each Issue During Proceeding 12 Months	No. Capies of Single Issue Published Reseast to Filing I
a. Total Nort	ther of Copies (NM press rus)	155,000	145.797
b. Paid anothr Requested Circulation	(1) PsetMequesied Dubate-County Mail Bulsonphisms Stated on Form 3541, (Include adventiser's pront and exchange aspiro)	0.090	-5.596
	(2) Paid in-County Subscriptions Stated on Form 3541 (house advertisers proof and exchange oppos)	0	9
	(S) Rates Through Dealers and Clariers, Street Version, Counter Sales, and Other Non-USPS Paid Distribution		
	(4) Other Occase Maled Through the USPS		0
Stock Paid and or Requested Circulation (Sum of 16s, 17s, 63,65 and 14t)		8.586	0,096
oncomer oncome other hear	(1) Outside-County as Stated on Form 0541	145,004	135,601
	(2) In-Caurey as Stated on Fore 3841		
	(S) Other Occoses Mailed Through the USPS		
Free Debtoder Outside the Hell (Centers or other means)			
Total Pres Deletration (Surrier 1883 and 1847)		146,004	126.821
Total Distribution / Surt of 1Sc. and 1S9		154,600	145,397
h, Copes not Distributed		400	421
Total (Sum of 15g, ann'n.)		155,000	145 797
Percent Raid and/or Requested Circulation (75): Ministry by MS, Singer 1207		5.56	5.91
SE Publicati	of Statement of Ownership on required. Will be printed in the Deboardbar.	, issue of this publication.	☐ Publication not required.
J. C. Dette 174, Editoriuch		related that province who furnishes below to	3 5 5 cp o 7
Instruction	ens to Publishers		
1. Com for p	Complete and file one copy of this form with your postmaster annually on or before October 1. Heep a copy of the completed file your recents.		
nho or m	In case where the stockholder or security holder to a histoler. Notice in terms 12 and 12 the name of the person or expossible whom his varieties is sating, Also include the names and advances of including who are substitutional with or not not hold I person on one of the soal amount of border, increases, or other securities of the publishing corporation. In item 11, 8 none, check the focus the basic harders of produces the securities.		
S. Bos	Be sure to furnish all decutation information called for in item 15. Free sinculation must be shown in item		
4. Item (2) 6	Hars 15h., Copies not Distributed, must include (1) newsstand copies originally stated on Form 0541, and returned to the public) assimated returns from news agents, and (3), copies for office use, leflovers, spolled, and all other copies not distributed.		
and the f	o publication had Periodicals authorization as a general Circulation must be published; it must be printed in any test issue printed after October.	issue in Ostober or, if the publication	ert of Ownership, Manageme is not published during Odo
6. In its	in laws 10, include the date of the issue in which this Statement of Ownership will be published.		
7. New 17 read to signed.			



Acting Secretary of the Army R. L. Brownlee

Chief of Staff GEN Peter J. Schoomaker

Chief of Public Affairs **BG Robert E. Gaylord**

Chief, Command Information COL James M. Allen

Soldiers Staff

Editor in Chief: LTC John E. Suttle Managing Editor: Gil High Production Editor: Steve Harding Art Director: Helen Hall VanHoose Senior Editor: Heike Hasenauer Associate Art Director: Paul Henry Crank NCOIC: SFC Lisa Gregory Photo Editor: SFC Alberto Betancourt Photojournalist: Beth Reece

Graphic Designer: LeRoy Jewell Executive Secretary: Joseph T. Marsden Printing: Gateway Press, Inc., Louisville, Ky

Soldiers (ISSN 0093-8440) is published monthly by the Army Chief of Public Affairs to provide the Total Army with information on people, policies, operations, technical developments, trends and ideas of and about the Depart-ment of the Army. The views and opinions expressed are

not necessarily those of the Department of the Army.

Send submissions and correspondence to Editor, Soldiers, 9325 Gunston Road, Suite S108, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5581. Phone: DSN 656-4486 or commercial 703-806-4486, or send e-mail to soldiers@ belvoir.army.mil.

 Unless otherwise indicated (and except for "by permission" and copyright items), material may be re-printed provided credit is given to **Soldiers** and the

All uncredited photographs by U.S. Army.

Military distribution: From the U.S. Army Distribution Operations Facility, 1655 Woodson Road, St. Louis, MO 63114-6181, in accordance with Initial Distribution. bution Number (IDN) 050007 subscription requirements submitted by commanders.

■ The Secretary of the Army has determined that the publication of this periodical is necessary in the transaction of the public business as required by law of the department. Funds for printing this publication were approved by the Secretary of the Army in accordance with the provisions of Army Regulation 25-30. Library of Congress call number: U1.A827.

Periodicals postage paid at Fort Belvoir, VA, and

Periodicas postage paid at Fort Bervoir, VA, and additional mailing offices.

Individual subscriptions: Subscriptions can be purchased through the Superintendent of Document, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the

Soldiers

Recipient of Awards of Magazine Excellence









uring this holiday season, we remember the sacrifices our Soldiers make while serving the Nation in the far-flung reaches of the globe while preserving the dignity of human life. Soldiers make a difference daily, and demonstrate our Nation's commitment to peace, goodwill, and freedom for all. We also remember that self-determination is a right our Soldiers defend for all freedom-loving people everywhere. We are blessed to serve with and honor our Soldiers, civilians, family members, and retirees who have sacrificed their lives in service to our great Nation and those who selflessly serve to safeguard our way of life. We also acknowledge the essential support provided to our Reserve Components by their employers and home communities.

We find ourselves in extraordinary times as our Army serves our Nation at war. This is not business as usual. Many of our Soldiers have been injured and some have paid the ultimate sacrifice defending our freedoms. Our Soldiers stand in harm's way protecting our rights and our liberty so that we can enjoy this holiday. Being an Army and Nation at war is a serious commitment to victory so that our future generations can enjoy many more holiday seasons to come.

We have much to be proud of. In the last two years we have fought two wars as part of the joint team, liberated over 46 million people from tyranny and oppression, and deployed our forces for homeland security. Our Army has proven to the world, time and time again, that we are up to any task. Around the world, our Soldiers continue to demonstrate courage, intensity, and a dogged determination to succeed.

We are incredibly busy, with more than 300,000 Soldiers deployed in over 120 countries. Every day, noble American Soldiers put it all on the line, standing shoulder to shoulder with all the brave men and women who have sacrificed so much. We are Americans, reflecting the values of the American people and we are very fortunate to be serving the greatest Nation on Earth. Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, veterans, retirees, and all of their families can take pride in the fact that their service and sacrifices preserve the privilege of living and working in a free society.

May each of you, wherever you are, have a safe, fulfilling, and joyful Holiday Season. God bless each of you and your families, God bless our Army, and God bless the United States.

Peter J. Schoomaker General, United States Army

Chief of Staff

R.L. Brownlee

Acting Secretary of the Army